Objectives of Tropical Tasar Development and Tasar Silkworm seed Projects

507. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the aims and objectives of the 'Tropical Tasar Development Project' and 'Tasar Silkworm Seed Project' and to what extent these projects will help the poor tribal tasar producers of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) whether the inter-State tasar projects being implemented with the assistance of Swiss Government will be extended to the State of Madhya Pradesh so as to benefit the tribal tasar producers?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The overall aims/objectives of Tropical Tasar Development & Tasar Silkworm Seed Projects formulated by the Central Silk Board for implementation in different States (and their particular reference to Madhya Pradesh) are as under:—

I Tasar Development Project

(1) To raise 6200 hectares of additional T. Arjuna tasar bush plantation (including 1000 hectares in the Madhya Pradesh) for allotment to 6200 tribal families (including 1000 in Madhya Pradesh) for conducting tasar rearing.

(2) To create infrastructure required for systematic tasar silkworm seed production and distribution among tribal rearers.

(3) To provide extension support and training to tribals in improved technologies.

(4) To achieve additional production of 130 M. Tonnes of Reeled Tasar Silk.

(5) To provide support for marketing of tasar cocoons.

II Tasar Silkworm Seed Project

(1) To organise systematic production and multiplication of tasar basic seed as also to undertake production and supply of one crore commercial Tasar Silkworm Seed to Tribal rearers.

(2) To achieve additional tasar cocoon production to tune of 3.52 lakh Kahans (includes 88,000 Kahans in Madhya Pradesh).

(b) The Swiss Development Cooperation had agreed to finance implementation of the follow up phase of interstate tasar project (Phase-II) in Orissa and Maharashtra only and not to other states covered under Phase-I of ISTP including Madhya Pradesh.

Textile Workers Rehabilitation Scheme

508. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many workers working in the two closed composite textile mills of Madhya Pradesh have so far been rehabilitated under the textiles workers rehabilitation scheme;

(b) what are the details of aid and assistance given to them;

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that all the affected workers are rehabilitated; and

(d) whether the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction has formulated any project under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 so as to revive the textile units of Indore?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY

OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Workers of the two closed textile mills in Madhya Pradesh are not eligible for relief under the Textile Workers Rehabilitation Scheme since the mills have neither been closed under Section 25(0) of the Industrial Disputes Act nor are under official Liquidator.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) BIFR is hearing the cases of Rajkumar Mills Ltd. and Hukum Chand Mills Ltd. while it has reserved its orders in respect of Hope Textiles Ltd due to stay order of the Supreme Court.

Domestic requirement of gold

509. S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had taken into consideration the total quantity of gold required for domestic consumption when it decided to rescind the Gold Control Order; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to supply gold required for making jewellery?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) The decision to repeal the gold (Control) Act, 1968 has no bearing to the quantity of gold required for the domestic consumption since the Act did not provide for making gold available for domestic production.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

Setting up of a Holding Company for STC and MMTC.

510. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 378 given in the Rajya Sabha on 15th March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a final decision about setting up of a Holding Company for STC and MMTC;

(b) whether Government have examined the possibility of STC itself acting as the Holding Company; and

(c) whether in view of the high overheads of STC and MMTC further addition to fixed costs is warranted at all in the shape of a Holding Company?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir. The Holding Company has been registered on 17-4-90 with the nomenclature 'Bharat Business International Limited'.

(b) & (c) The Holding Company will achieve effective coordination and direction of the working of these trading organisations, avoid overlapping and undesirable competition/undercutting, promote participation in joint ventures and investments abroad, develop common infrastructure facilities of import/export trade and use the leverage of imports to promote exports. These benefits will far out-weigh the expenditure on the Holding Company.